GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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MINI RATNA STATUS FOR CWC
Kataria Shri Lal Chand

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to accord the status of mini ratna on Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) was identified by the Government of India as a Mini-Ratna (Category-I) enterprise in April, 1999, as it fulfilled the criteria laid down by the Department of Public Enterprises. However, to accord Mini-Ratna powers to CWC, amendments need to be made deleting Section 5(1) of the Warehousing Corporations Act, 1962 which provides for Government Guarantee for repayment of the Principal Amount and payment of Dividend on the CWC Shares, since one of the conditions precedent for the delegation of Mini-Ratna powers to a Public Sector Enterprise is that it should not be dependent on Budgetary Support and Government Guarantee. This is being done by amendment to the Warehousing Corporations Act, 1962 through the Warehousing Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 2011 introduced in Lok Sabha in December, 2011.

(c): In view of above, does not arise.